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1. The previously dismantled railroad line, Pritzwalk to Mayenburg (T91-T 93), is to be restored. Rails are to be supplied from the Lüthteen-Malliss stretch (T22-T31), now being dismantled.
2. Negotiations are in progress for the Reichsbahn to acquire the privately owned Brandenburgische Stättbahn. It is planned to improve the line between Belzig and Neustadt/Dosse (Z30-Z18), thus providing another north-south route to relieve traffic on the line Magdeburg-Stendal-Wittenberge-Schwerin, as well as on the Berlin-Stralsund line, reducing present strain on the Berlin Ring.
3. New trackage is to be built to fill in the gap between Schwaan and Rostock (O80-O81), shortening the route between Berlin and the ports of Rostock and Warnemünde.
4. The Jüterbog-Berlin line is to be double tracked again.
5. The Reichsbahn planned to lay 250 kilometers of new track and to improve 750 kilometers of the present right of way during 1949. The SMAD Transport Division, however, rejected all new construction and consented to the improvement of only 500 kilometers.
6. During 1949, the Reichsbahn hopes to buy 46,500 tons of steel rail and plates; during 1950, 69,000 tons.
7. Plans for 1950 call for the Reichsbahn to have 80,000 freight cars of all types; of this total, 13,500 will have to be new cars.

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